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## OUR STORY

New York City, 1939! **SHIWAN KHAN** unleashes the **DEATH-RAY** invented by scientist, **NIKOLA TESLA**, and powered by **THE SHADOW'S** stolen **GIRASOL**, toppling the communications tower crowning The Chrysler Building!

Expecting a show-down to the **DEATH** with **THE SHADOW**, **KHAN** is taken by **SURPRISE** to find himself instead facing the sting of **THE GREEN HORNET**!

**KHAN'S** Nazi henchmen flee with the **KIDNAPPED** President of the United States, **FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT**, into the steam tunnels descending seven levels underneath New York City! It's the doorway to a nightmarish world existing below the twentieth century pavement!

**CLIFF MARSLAND**, agent of **THE SHADOW**, has followed **KHAN'S** forces underground and warns **THE SHADOW** that **FDR'S** life is in immediate **JEOPARDY**!

But as **KHAN'S GIRASOL** is about to vaporize **THE SHADOW**... along with Mid-Town **NEW YORK**, **THE SHADOW** suddenly reveals his own hand, adorned with a **SECOND** girasol, its purple glowing beam directed at the very **HEART** of a shocked **SHIWAN KHAN**!

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NEW YORK CITY, 1939.  
Atop the Chrysler Building...

...amid the RUINS of its once  
proud communications tower...

**HORNET!**  
**STAND DOWN!**

**MY GIRASOL**  
**IS THE ONLY POWER**  
**ON EARTH THAT CAN**  
**NEGATE KHAN'S!**

WHAT  
**CHICANERY** IS  
THIS? THERE **CANNOT**  
BE **TWO GIRASOLS**  
CARVED FROM THE  
**SAME STAR!**

THERE IS  
**NO RECORD** OF  
A **SECOND**  
**GIRASOL!**





YOU  
HAVE DOOMED  
YOURSELF! HEAR  
ME, KHAN...

"RETURNING FROM  
THE ORIENT, I GAVE  
THE GIRASOL TO  
TESLA...THE ONLY  
ONE WHO COULD  
HARNESS ITS  
POWER WHILE  
KEEPING IT SAFE!

"HUNTED BY RELENTLESS  
FOREIGN POWERS, MY ONLY  
ESCAPE WAS TO DIE!

"AND SO, KENT ALLARD,  
AVIATOR...SPY...CRASHED IN  
THE YUCATAN JUNGLE!

"THE XINCAS HAILED MY  
DEATH-DEFYING THEATRICS AS  
THE WORK OF A SKY-GOD!

"BUT I HAD FINALLY TRACKED  
THE GIRASOL'S SOURCE!

"LIFE AS  
A GOD WAS  
SEDUCTIVE...


"...UNTIL FROM MY OWN  
HEART OF DARKNESS...CAME  
CLIFF MARSLAND BEARING  
NEWS FROM THE ORIENT...

"...WORD THAT MY MASTERS  
HAD REVEALED THE SECRET OF  
THE ROMANOFF'S GIRASOL  
TO YOU, KHAN!

"I KNEW YOU WOULD NEVER REST  
UNTIL YOU MADE IT YOURS!


"THUS, AS THE XINCAS' SKY-GOD,  
I DEMANDED A FINAL OFFERING--  
THE SECOND EYE OF THEIR IDOL...  
THE SECOND GIRASOL!





"THROUGH FELLOW AVIATOR, HOWARD HUGHES, MARSLAND OBTAINED A NEW PLANE FOR MY SOLO FLIGHT BACK TO THE ORIENT..."

"...AND TO THE INNER SANCTUM OF CHOW LEE... MY TEACHER AND MASTER!"




"I GIFTED HIM THAT SECOND EYE OF THE IDOL! BUT HE RETURNED IT TO ME IN HIS OWN ANCIENT RING SETTING, CARVING INTO ITS BASE..."

THE  
IMPERIAL SIGN OF  
CHOW LEE!

THE ALL  
KNOWING.

THAT  
WHICH I YET  
ASPIRE TO...

...AND WHICH  
YOU HAVE FAILED  
TO ATTAIN!



MARSLAND  
WAS WRONG!  
CHOW LEE NEVER  
BETRAYED ME!

HE SIMPLY TAUGHT  
YOU AND ME EQUALLY  
TO ENSURE A BALANCE...  
YIN AND YANG!


BUT WHEN  
EVIL CLOUDED  
YOUR MIND, KHAN,  
YOU EMBODIED  
IT...

...WHILE  
I BECAME THE  
OPPOSING  
REFLECTION IT  
CAST!

I BECAME ITS  
SHADOW!







AN EXPLOSION  
ATOP THE CHRYSLER  
BUILDING—THE PRIDE OF  
THIS NOBLE CITY'S SKYLINE—  
HAS **TERRIFIED** NEW  
YORKERS RUNNING FOR  
THEIR LIVES!

THAT'S  
ENOUGH, YOU!  
WE DON'T NEED  
REPORTERS  
SPREADING PANIC  
OVER THE  
CITY!

THE PEOPLE  
HAVE A RIGHT TO  
KNOW! I'M--

TOO BAD,  
KID! BUT THAT'S  
THE WAY IT IS!

YOU ALL HEARD  
THAT POLICEMAN,  
AMERICA! YOUR RIGHT  
TO KNOW DOESN'T  
APPLY HERE BECAUSE...  
AND I QUOTE...  
"THAT'S THE WAY  
IT IS!"

FOR UNITED  
PRESS, THIS IS  
**WALTER CRONKITE**  
REPORTING FROM A  
NEW YORK CITY  
UNDER SIEGE!

"AND  
THAT'S THE  
WAY IT IS!"



High above the City, the BATTLE for the CHRYSLER BUILDING storms on...

5TH COLUMN  
REINFORCEMENTS!

WE'VE GOT  
TO BUY THE SHADOW  
MORE TIME TO TAKE  
DOWN KHAN!

GRAB  
THAT DEATH-  
RAY!

THE DEATH-  
RAY'S ALL THAT  
COUNTS NOW!

"DEATH-RAY!"  
"DEATH-RAY!"  
EVERYBODY TALKS  
OF "DEATH-RAY!"

NO  
MORE TALK OF  
DEATH-RAY!

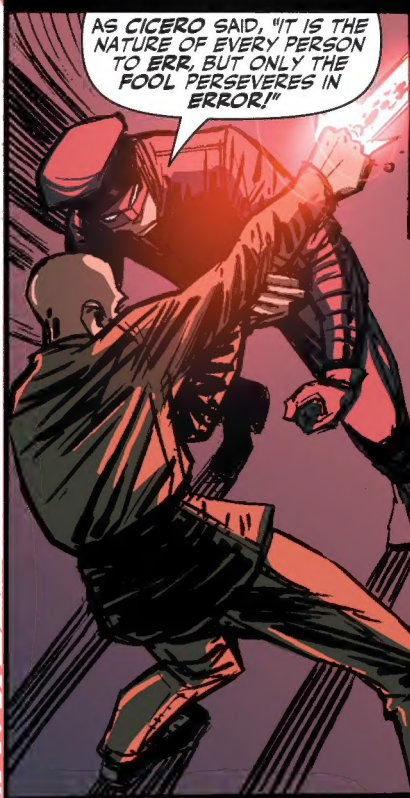
AS I SAID...  
...NO MORE  
TALK OF DEATH-  
RAY!





KHAN! THE  
GREEN HORNET  
FOOLED YOU!

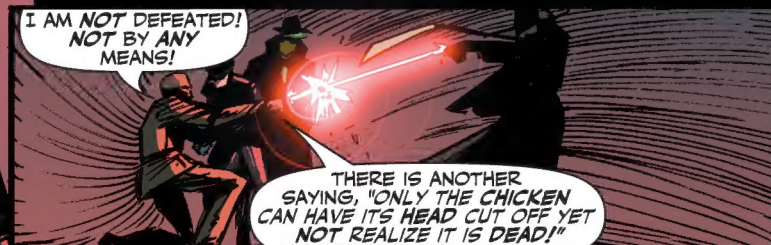
HE IS NO CRIMINAL  
AND NEVER WAS! HIS  
GUISE DEFEATED YOU  
FROM THE OUTSET!



AS CICERO SAID, "IT IS THE  
NATURE OF EVERY PERSON  
TO ERR, BUT ONLY THE  
FOOL PERSEVERES IN  
ERROR!"

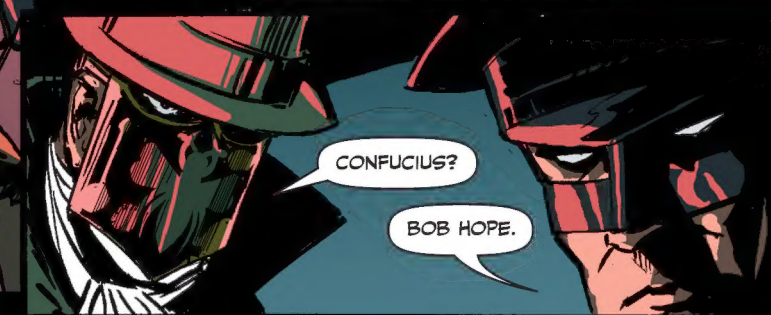


KNOW THAT THE GREEN HORNET...  
THE MAN WITH NO METAPHYSICAL POWERS...  
IS THE ONE WHO BROUGHT YOU TO  
YOUR KNEES!



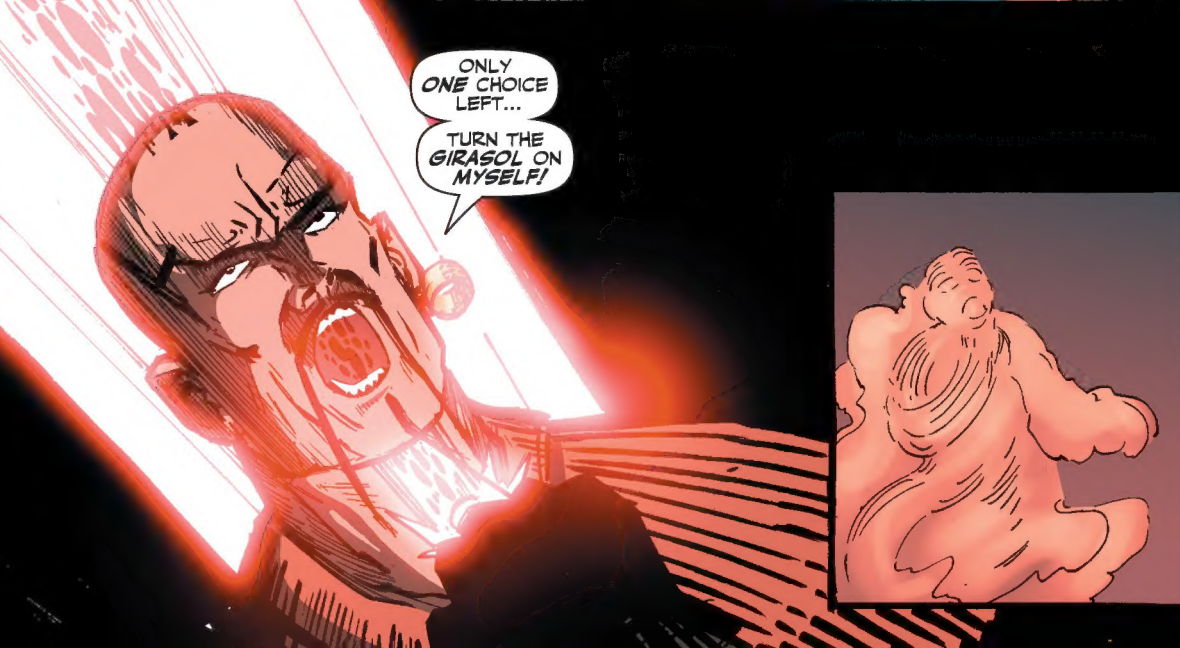
I AM NOT DEFEATED!  
NOT BY ANY  
MEANS!

THERE IS ANOTHER  
SAYING, "ONLY THE CHICKEN  
CAN HAVE ITS HEAD CUT OFF YET  
NOT REALIZE IT IS DEAD!"



CONFUCIUS?

BOB HOPE.




ONLY  
ONE CHOICE  
LEFT...

TURN THE  
GIRASOL ON  
MYSELF!







DID WE  
JUST WITNESS A  
**SUICIDE...OR AN  
ILLUSION?**

**KHAN'S MIND  
IS FORMIDABLE!**

HE PLAYS HIS  
**LAST CARD...HIS ACE!**  
HE YET HOLDS THE  
**PRESIDENT!**

THE **POLICE** WILL **SWARM** US  
IF WE DO NOT DISAPPEAR,  
OURSELVES!

GREAT. ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS  
FIND YOU A **PHONE BOOTH**  
TO **CALL** HIM!

OUR **EXIT** IS  
THE **AUTO-GYRO!**  
**BURBANK** WILL  
ARRANGE IT AT  
**ONCE!**

TELL YOUR  
**MR. TESLA** TO INVENT A  
**PORTABLE** TELEPHONE WITH  
A **VERY LONG WIRE!**

HE HAS.  
ONLY IT'S  
**WIRELESS.**

ATTORNEYS  
FOR **BELL**  
AND **EDISON**  
BURIED IT.

**BURBANK!**  
THE **AUTO-GYRO!**  
NOW!

**KHAN HAS  
VANISHED! REPORT ON  
MR. ROOSEVELT!**

IS THE  
**PRESIDENT  
ALIVE?**

**MARSLAND** HEADED  
**SOUTH** AFTER **FDR** IN THE  
STEAM TUNNELS **UNDERNEATH**  
NEW YORK CITY!

AND, NO...  
I **CAN'T** CONFIRM  
IF THE **PRESIDENT** IS  
ALIVE OR DEAD!



A precise **EXTRACTION** from the debris-ridden roof of The Chrysler Building...

...And a pin-point **DROP** onto the gilded roof of The Waldorf-Astoria...

In mere minutes, the **STEAM TUNNEL**...

KHAN OR HIS MEN HAVE THE **PRESIDENT** SOMEWHERE **BELOW** IN THIS **HELL!**

**SPEED** IS OF THE **ESSENCE!**

SIR-YOU HAVE THE **BEAM** OF YOUR **GIRASOL**. WE HAVE **NO** SOURCE OF **LIGHT**.

KEEP OUT

THESE MEN WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH **LIGHT**. THEY ARE THE **DEPRESSION'S** OUTCASTS.

**HOMELESS?**  
YES. **WORTHLESS?**  
NO!

WE HAVE **NOTHING!** DON'T HURT US!

**NOTHING?**  
NOT SO!

WHAT YOU HAVE IS A **CHANCE** TO RECLAIM THE **DIGNITY** SOCIETY HAS **STOLEN** FROM YOU!

THE **PRESIDENT'S** BEEN **KIDNAPPED!** HIS **LIFE'S** IN **DANGER** AND HE'S SOMEWHERE IN THESE **TUNNELS!**

WE NEED YOUR **TORCHES...** YOUR **HELP!**

WE NEED **YOU!**






WE'RE  
WITH YOU!

LEAD  
THE WAY!






THE TRAINS ONCE  
ROADED THROUGH HERE...  
UNTIL THEY BUILT OVER ALL  
THIS, ENTOMBING A SOON  
FORGOTTEN WORLD BENEATH  
FOURTH AVENUE!




THIS IS SURELY  
AN URBAN ALICE "THROUGH  
THE LOOKING GLASS!"

THE FIRST  
SUBWAY STATION...  
ROUNDED CARS ONCE  
MOVING PNEUMATICALLY  
BENEATH THE CITY!



A STANDING  
PETRIFIED FOREST  
DEEP BELOW NEW YORK!  
ASTOUNDING!



UP AHEAD!  
IS THAT WHAT I  
THINK IT IS?

IT'S THE ACTUAL  
LAND MANHATTAN WAS BUILT  
OVER, CENTURY BY CENTURY,  
LEVEL BY LEVEL!



TWO DIVERGENT  
PATHS HEADING  
SOUTH. WE NEED  
TO SPLIT UP  
HERE!

TAKE  
THESE MEN.  
I WORK  
ALONE!

WE'LL TAKE  
THE LEFT FORK!  
BE CAREFUL,  
MY FRIEND...



"FRIEND?"  
INTERESTING...



Precious SECONDS tick away in the life of a KIDNAPPED PRESIDENT

HARD TO BELIEVE THE ORIGINAL MANHATTAN ISLAND STREAMS ARE INTACT DOWN HERE!

AND THERE-- INDIAN BURIAL MOUNDS!

WE HAVE ENTERED AN EARTHEN TIME MACHINE!

AND HERE... A GRAVEYARD OF 17TH AND 18TH CENTURY SHIPS!

I'VE READ THEY USED TO SCUTTLE PIRATE AND MERCHANT SHIPS FOR LAND FILL!

IT'S A PIRATE SHIP, ALRIGHT!

MAYBE THERE'S STILL TREASURE ABOARD!

FORGET IT! WE'RE ON A MISSION!

TO HELL WITH YOUR MISSION!

THIS COULD BE MY LUCKY DAY! I FEEL IT IN MY BONES!



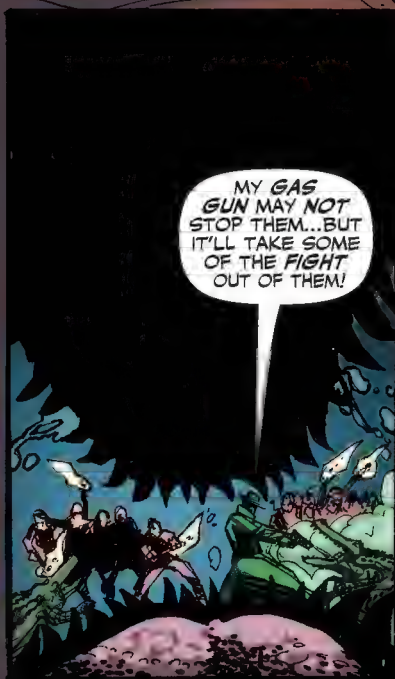


KHAN'S  
DRAGONS?

ALBINO  
GATORS IN  
THE CITY'S  
SEWERS!

I-I THOUGHT  
THEY WERE  
JUST URBAN  
LEGENDS!

BEHIND ME!  
EVERYONE!



MY GAS  
GUN MAY NOT  
STOP THEM...BUT  
IT'LL TAKE SOME  
OF THE FIGHT  
OUT OF THEM!







HOW CAN SUCH  
MONSTERS EXIST  
DOWN HERE?

FLORIDA TOURISTS  
WOULD BUY BABY GATORS  
AS *SOUVENIRS*, BRING EM'  
BACK TO NEW YORK, AND  
SOON AS THEY *GREW*,  
THEY *FLUSHED* EM!



KEEP MOVING!  
WE'VE LOST TOO  
MUCH TIME!



IF WE LOSE  
*ROOSEVELT*, WE  
PROBABLY LOSE THE  
NEXT WORLD  
WAR!





TWO roads diverged in an UNDERGROUND wood, and THE SHADOW chose the one LESS traveled by...

ROOSEVELT!  
CAN'T TELL IF  
HE'S HURT!

HMMM...  
THIS IS... TOO  
EASY!

MR. PRESIDENT!  
ARE YOU—

KHAN!

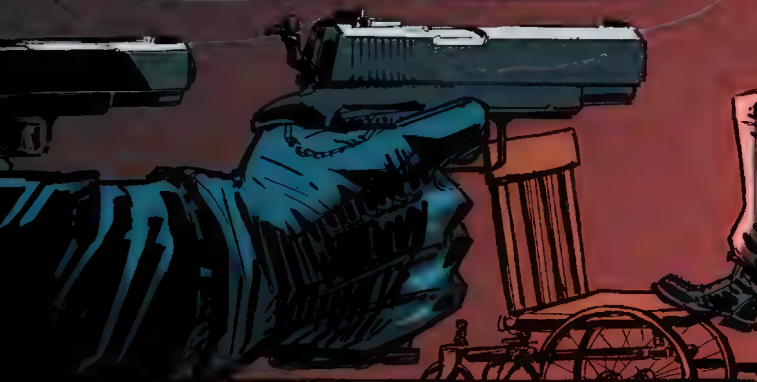
MY GIRASOL  
TARGETS HIS HEAD!  
BEFORE YOU CAN  
SHOOT ME, YOUR  
PRESIDENT WILL  
BE DEAD!





AH! THE EYES OF THE SHADOW! I KNOW THEM SO WELL! THEY SEARCH FOR...COULD IT BE AN ALLY?

HE ARRIVED EARLIER, SADLY FOR HIM--OUR OLD FRIEND, ANOTHER BLANTON FROM FRANCE! I BELIEVE HE IS CALLED "MARSLAND" NOW, YES?



I RECALL HIM IN THE TWISTED BARBED WIRE OF VERDUN...AND IN THE BLINDING MOUNTAIN SNOWS OF THE ORIENT!

STILL PLAYING THE HERO! PITIABLE...



YOU WILL PAY!



YOUR THREATS RING HOLLOW! THE STAKES HAVE RISEN!

YOUR DEATH IS NOW REQUIRED!



REMOVE THE GIRASOL FROM YOUR FINGER THIS INSTANT... OR HE WILL BE VAPOR IN THE NEXT!





FIRST...  
DROP THE  
GUNS...

...SLOWLY.

NOW...  
REMOVE YOUR  
RING...

...SLOWLY.

EXCELLENT!  
NO GUNS...NO  
GIRASOL!

AND NOW, AS  
A PERSONAL FAVOR  
TO HITLER...NO  
ROOSEVELT!



**BLAM**

**BLAM**

AS THE GREEN  
HORNET REMINDED  
ME...ALWAYS DO THE  
UNEXPECTED!

YOU EXPECTED  
TWO 45'S...NOT  
FOUR!

AND, IF YOU  
HAVE NOT YET  
SURMISED...

...I NEVER  
NEGOTIATE  
WITH MY  
ENEMIES!

**HA HA**  
**HA HA HA**  
**HA HA**





THE  
PRESIDENT?

THE FAR  
CORNER...



HE IS **ALIVE**,  
BUT NEEDS MEDICAL  
ATTENTION.

THANK YOU,  
BOYS!

**HOOVER WAS  
ALL WRONG ABOUT  
YOU, HORNET!**



AND, **STRANGE...**  
YOUR EYES...

THEY REMIND ME  
OF SOMEONE I KNEW  
AS A CHILD...A **GREAT**  
MAN. HE-

WELL...  
MAYBE IT'S **NOT SO**  
**STRANGE....**



AND **HOOVER**  
WAS PARTICULARLY  
WRONG ABOUT YOU,  
MR. KATO!

IN MY BOOK,  
YOU, SIR, ARE THE  
EPITOME OF AN  
**ALL-AMERICAN  
HERO!**



YOU  
KILLED  
HIM.

I KNOW  
YOU DO **NOT**  
KILL.

I DO.

I DO **NOT**  
NEED OR WANT YOUR  
APPROVAL, BUT I ASK  
YOUR **RESPECT.**



**TRUE.**  
I **DON'T**  
KILL.

TODAY  
YOU **SAVED** THE  
PRESIDENT.

IT'S **NOT** FOR  
ME TO **JUDGE**  
YOU.

**ESPECIALLY  
IF THIS IS NOT A  
MURDER...BUT AN  
ILLUSION...**





AN ILLUSION?  
BUT THAT'S KHAN'S  
BODY...ISN'T IT?

MY WORK  
HERE IS *DONE*.  
I HAVE *TESLA*  
TO TEND TO.

THE *SIGNS*  
WILL LEAD YOU TO  
THE SURFACE!



*SIGNS?*  
WHAT SIGNS?

I-AW,  
C'MON!

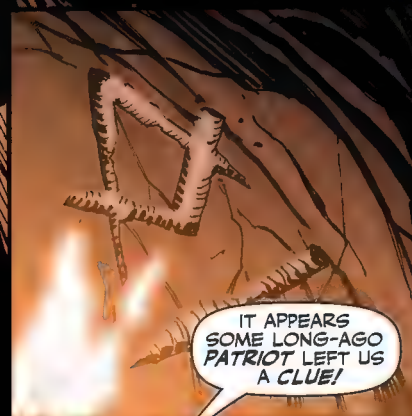


HOW  
DO WE-

HE SAID  
"*SIGNS*" WILL LEAD  
US OUT! BUT WHAT  
SIGNS?

I BELIEVE  
I CAN *HELP* YOU  
THERE, M'BOY!

LOOK  
BEHIND YOU!



IT APPEARS  
SOME LONG-AGO  
PATRIOT LEFT US  
A CLUE!



THIS CONCRETE  
*SLAB* MUST BE OUR  
DOORWAY OUT,  
BUT...OOOF!

IT WON'T  
BUDGE!





EVERYONE  
PUSH!

THAT'S IT!  
WE'RE ALMOST  
OUT!

WHERE IN  
GOD'S NAME  
ARE WE?

IN AN  
OLD CHURCH  
CEMETERY.

WHY, THIS  
IS THE OLDEST  
CHURCH IN NEW  
YORK! TRINITY  
CHURCH!

HORNET...KATO...  
HOW CAN I SHOW MY  
APPRECIATION TO YOU  
AND YOUR FRIEND?

THE SHADOW?  
I DON'T KNOW.  
I REALLY DON'T  
KNOW HIM.

AND  
YOU NEVER  
WILL!

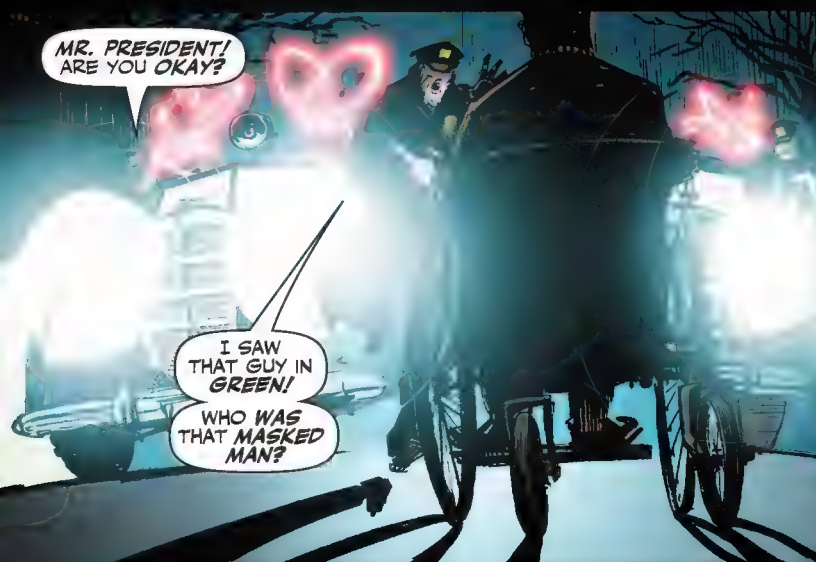




IT SEEMS MY RIDE  
IS HERE. I SUGGEST  
YOU ALL MAKE  
YOURSELVES--



--SCARCE.



MR. PRESIDENT!  
ARE YOU OKAY?

I SAW  
THAT GUY IN  
GREEN!

WHO WAS  
THAT MASKED  
MAN?



THAT WAS  
NO "MASKED  
MAN!"

THAT  
WAS THE GREEN  
HORNET!



THESE PAST  
DARK NIGHTS HAVE  
TAUGHT ME MUCH.

EVERY DAY,  
BENEATH OUR NOSES,  
MAY BE WORLDS...  
AND PEOPLE...WE  
DON'T SEE.



JUST BECAUSE *SOCIETY*  
FAILS TO NOTICE THEM, DOES  
NOT MEAN THEY DO NOT  
EXIST...OR MATTER!

TRUE.



THE BEST NEWS IS THAT  
ABSENT SHIWAN KHAN, HITLER  
CERTAINLY WON'T HAVE THE  
POWER TO WAGE WAR ON  
THE REST OF THE  
WORLD!

NOTHING  
IS CERTAIN IN  
THIS LIFE, GREEN  
HORNET...

...NOTHING!

NOT SO,  
SHADOW!

AS YOUR FR--UH--  
ALLY, I WANT YOU TO  
KNOW ONE THING I NOW  
KNOW FOR CERTAIN...

LAMONT  
CRANSTON IS  
THE SHADOW!

AS AESOP ONCE SAID,  
"BEWARE, LEST YOU LOSE  
THE SUBSTANCE BY GRASPING  
AT THE SHADOW!"

HA HA  
HA HA HA  
HA HA

AND AS BUDDHA  
ONCE SAID, "AS THE  
SHADOW FOLLOWS THE  
BODY, AS WE THINK,  
SO WE BECOME!"

AMEN TO  
THAT!

**THE END**



# **THE SHADOW<sup>®</sup> GREEN HORNET<sup>®</sup> DARK NIGHTS**

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## **PAGE 4:**

In 1939, Walter Cronkite was with United Press, night desk, based in Kansas City. Lucky for us, he was on special assignment in New York City at the right time. For decades, his famous sign-off from The CBS *Evening News* was, “And that’s the way it is!” Now you know where that phrase originated.

## **PAGE 10:**

There really exists a vast world underneath New York City, going down a number of levels to reveal both historical wonders and unearthly horrors. The “Mole People” inhabit upper parts of the steam tunnels. There are a number of excellent books documenting what’s down there. Try Googling “underneath New York City” or “underground New York City” and you’ll find great and amazing information. For fun, also Google “albino alligators New York City sewers.”

## **PAGE 20:**

A New York landmark, Trinity Church was chartered in 1697, built in 1698, burned and was rebuilt in 1798, torn down by 1839, rebuilt in 1846 and remains the oldest building in continuous use in New York City. Its cemetery includes the grave of Alexander Hamilton, a Founding Father of The United States, Secretary of the Treasury under George Washington, and a prominent newspaper publisher/founder of *The New York Post*.

## **PAGE 22:**

Unfortunately, even without Shiwan Khan, Adolph Hitler did wage a Second World War against most of the rest of the planet. He lost. But the world paid an unimaginable price for its victory.



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Johnny Desjardins' designs for (from left to right): The Phantom, Vampirella, Zorro, The Bionic Man, The Green Hornet, Kato, Captain Victory, Red Sonja, and Flash Gordon

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**BILL WILLINGHAM, BESTSELLING WRITER OF FABLES, PRESENTS  
LEGENDERRY: A STEAMPUNK ADVENTURE  
EVENT SERIES FROM DYNAMITE**



Dynamite proudly announces *Legenderry: A Steampunk Adventure*, a seven-issue monthly crossover event featuring classic characters of comics and film as reimagined by bestselling writer Bill Willingham (*Fables*). Featuring interior artwork by Sergio Fernandez Davila, *Legenderry* launches in January featuring covers by celebrated steampunk artist Joe Benitez (*Lady Mechanika*).

"This is a story where I get to have my cake and eat it too," says Bill Willingham. "I get to work with some of my favorite characters from comic books, prose, and film, but also get to create brand new versions of each one of them. That way, I don't have to make a single one of them fit in with all of the past continuity of those characters. I get the best of both situations. Plus, I built an entire new world in which to place those characters. World-building is one of the best parts of adventure storytelling. *Legenderry* is the name of the world, and it is in fact a world peopled with some of the greatest legends of adventure fiction. This is my first-ever foray into the Steampunk genre, so that's another new adventure I get to go on as a writer."

*Legenderry: A Steampunk Adventure* is, as Bill Willingham describes it, "a world in which the great heroes of our stories live in the flesh." The story begins in a massive Victorian-style metropolis, a city protected by Vampirella, the Green Hornet, and Kato. After a scarlet-clad woman of mystery rushes into a bar pursued by assassins, the resulting chaos spreads to other reimagined landscapes ripped from classic comic books, literature, and television, including the wild jungles of *The Phantom*, Flash Gordon's futuristic haven of Landing, aerial combat alongside Captain Victory, and more. The action eventually leads to the Monstrous Lands, an unruly territory both lawless and sinister.

An event series four years in the making, *Legenderry* proves the old adage that "good things come to those who wait." Willingham mined the rich Dynamite Universe for the perfect characters to populate the vast, reimagined landscape of *Legenderry*. In recent months, Willingham has personally

overseen the visual development of the series, courtesy of designs by artist Johnny D., whose artwork has graced numerous Dynamite covers and most recently, the complete *Vampirella Strikes* comic book series. "It was an honor to take some truly timeless characters and make them fit into the steampunk world," says Johnny D. "They all have a great unique base to go off, so it has been a lot of fun working on the designs. I've worked with many of these characters before and look forward to the series."

The cast of *Legenderry* characters changes each issue, as Willingham and Davila steer the action from one dazzling location to the next. Featured characters include Steve Austin of *The Six Million Dollar Man*, the classic pulp duo of Green Hornet and Kato, legendary masked adventurer Zorro, the Dynamite mainstay Vampirella, the beloved superheroes Silver Star and Captain Victory created by Jack Kirby, Flash Gordon and The Phantom from King Features Syndicate, and finally, the swords-and-sorcery icon Red Sonja.

Bill Willingham has been writing, and occasionally drawing, "funnybooks" for close to thirty years, and authors prose fiction as well. He is best known for creating the following comic book series: *Elementals*, *Ironwood*, *Coventry*, *Pantheon*, *Proposition Player*, *Shadowpact*, and -- perhaps most notably -- the bestselling and long-running DC/Vertigo series, *Fables* and *Fairest*.

"I've personally known Bill Willingham for over three decades, and regard him as one of the most talented, hardworking, and innovative creators in our industry," says Nick Barrucci, CEO and Publisher of Dynamite. "I've been talking with him since 2009 about projects, but between his busy schedule and the explosive success of *Fables* and *Fairest*, we both wanted to wait until we could give the project the full attention it deserves. And Bill wouldn't want to give anything less than 100% of his attention! As time progressed, our many discussions have led to a groundbreaking event, something that will shake up how people view our incredible library of characters. Bill wanted to work in a world without the constraints of continuity, where he could paint broad strokes on a fresh canvas. When the imagination and aesthetics of Steampunk science-fiction became our focus, well -- the ideas just began to flow from his mind onto the page. It's my pleasure, both personal and professional, to welcome Bill Willingham to the Dynamite fold, and to welcome everyone with an adventurous spirit to the whimsical world of *Legenderry*."

Joseph Rybandt, Senior Editor of Dynamite, says, "As a longtime fan of Bill's work, it was such a surprise that Nick Barrucci, our CEO and Publisher, had been able to work out a deal to not only create this character crossover, but to include some of our biggest and best company-owned and licensed characters. This is THE kick-off event for comics in 2014. Be there!"

*Legenderry: A Steampunk Adventure* will be solicited in Diamond Comic Distributors' November Previews catalog, the premiere source of merchandise for the comic book specialty market, and slated for release beginning in January 2014. Comic book fans are encouraged to reserve copies of *Legenderry* with their local comic book shop or hobby specialty store. *Legenderry: A Steampunk Adventure* will also be available for individual customer purchase through digital platforms courtesy of Comixology, iVerse, and Dark Horse Digital.

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Now that *The Voice* has been silenced, a new menace threatens the city--and without the Hornet around to protect the citizens, can Kato survive as a solo agent?



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# A SPECIAL LOOK AT ASH AND THE ARMY OF DARKNESS #1



MY NAME IS ASH  
AND I'M AN IDIOT.

I HAD A LIFE ONCE. I HAD  
A JOB AND A GIRL. HELL, I  
EVEN HAD A REASONABLY  
FUNCTIONAL RIGHT HAND.

THEN I WENT TO THE CABIN  
WHERE AN EVEN BIGGER IDIOT  
READ FROM THE BOOK OF  
THE DEAD AND UNLEASHED  
AN ANCIENT EVIL.

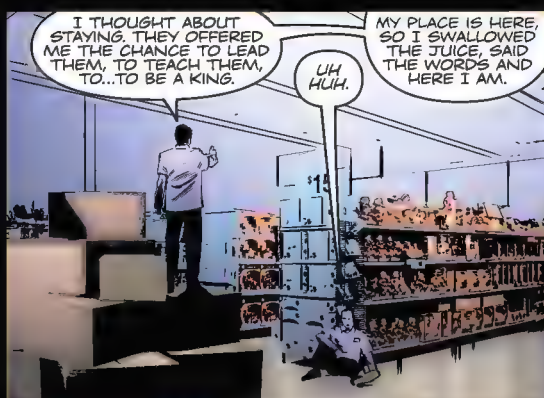
I FOUGHT. I LOST MY GIRL,  
LOST MY HAND AND ALMOST  
LOST MY GODDAMN MIND.  
THE FIGHT LANDED ME IN  
1300 AD, BUT I FOUGHT MY  
WAY BACK FROM THAT, TOO.

THAT'S RIGHT, YOU'RE  
LOOKING AT THE  
GUY WHO BEAT THE  
DEADITES AND THE  
BOOK OF THE DEAD.

DON'T ACT LIKE YOU'RE  
NOT IMPRESSED.



**WRITTEN BY STEVE NILES**  
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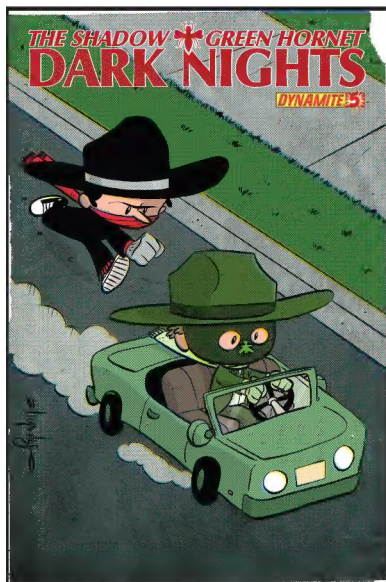
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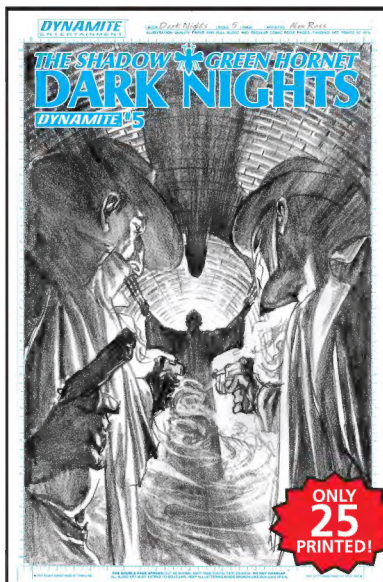
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